

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 94

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34—Relative to the Donna De Neal Bridge.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 34, Peace. Donna De Neal Bridge.

This measure would designate the Interstate 805 Orange Avenue overcrossing as the Donna De Neal Bridge in honor and recognition of Donna De Neal. The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Donna De Neal was a Caltrans (Department of Transportation) Equipment Operator working in the San Diego maintenance region; and

WHEREAS, On February 7, 1995, at 35 years of age, Donna De Neal was killed by an inattentive motorist on State Route 75 near Imperial Beach, while she was replacing a damaged sign; and

WHEREAS, Donna De Neal's career started with Caltrans in July 1987, where she worked in Colton until September 1990, when she was transferred to San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Donna was married to Daniel De Neal and they and their two children, Ahtollie and Marjani, lived in South Bay just off Orange Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Donna De Neal was highly regarded by her peers as a good worker and a leader; and

WHEREAS, Donna knew that, as a Caltrans Equipment Operator, she was working beside fast-moving traffic and that any misstep could be fatal; and

WHEREAS, Donna also knew the proper procedures for setting up work zones and parking vehicles close by for extra protection; and

WHEREAS, Ironically, with all those measures in place, on February 7, 1995, the driver that penetrated Donna's work zone had fallen asleep behind the wheel and crashed between two protective trucks; and

WHEREAS, Donna was an excellent example of the Caltrans maintenance family in that she was hardworking and dedicated to her work and her fellow employees; and

WHEREAS, Donna and Daniel drove over the Interstate 805 Orange Avenue overcrossing every day to get to and from work; and

WHEREAS, After a long day's work, as she approached the overcrossing, Donna knew she was almost home; and

WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to Donna De Neal to name the Interstate 805 Orange Avenue overcrossing in her memory; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the Interstate 805 Orange Avenue overcrossing as the Donna De Neal Bridge in honor and recognition of Donna De Neal; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author for distribution.

